

GODDARD AUTO TECH CENTER

ELECTION NEWS BULLETIN

NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center

June 21, 2001

ELECTIONS –

Thursday, July 12th at 5 pm
Photo session 4 pm to 5 pm
Building 32, Room E109/E103

The first building on your right after you go through the gate when going to the Garage.

PLEASE BE ON TIME SO THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE A QUORUM QUICKLY.

AGENDA

1. Eat
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Elections
4. Parking Fee Increase
5. Tool Purchases
6. Open Forum
7. Adjournment

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

All yellow membership cards are invalid after August 1st. Please send a check for \$25 membership fee plus \$20 user fee if your name is not on the list of those who performed at least one "volunteer" hour. Membership renewal forms and the volunteer list were published in the last newsletter dated May 25th. Also, include any outstanding debts owed to the Club such as parking fees or a new card will not be issued.

ELECTIONS

It is that time of year again. Please come to the election meeting to eat, vote, discuss Club issues, and to meet new members. Your presence and inputs are welcomed and necessary so that we can pursue operating the Club in a manner that best benefits you, the membership. If you are unable to attend, send an absentee ballot with your vote. Otherwise, we may not be able to achieve a quorum, and the election process will have to be repeated in order to be in compliance

with the Club by-laws wasting valuable time and effort.

NOT ABLE TO MAKE THE MEETING?

Please submit an absentee ballot
Your vote is important

PARKING FEE INCREASE INVALID

At the last meeting it was voted to double the parking fees. Since this is a by-law amendment (Art. IX, Sec. 8), proper notice must be given, so the vote was invalid. This proposal is on the agenda for the next meeting and a vote will be taken again. If you cannot attend, please vote via absentee ballot. The reason for raising the parking fees is to discourage the storing of vehicles at the Garage, which has been a continual problem. It will also generate more revenue for the club. Current parking fees are \$10 per month for the first two months, then \$20 per month thereafter calculated from the day the vehicle is first parked. If the vehicle is removed before the end of two weeks, no fees are incurred. Voting "for" the proposal will double the parking fees.

TOOLS

Tools have been purchased for the tool chest. We need some volunteers with tremendous patience to cut out the foam that is used for tool control. It was approved to spend \$2500 for a tool chest and tools at the last meeting. Tool purchases exceeded the amount that was approved by \$500. It was decided to go over the approved amount because the tools were necessary, there was a 10% off Craftsman tool sale that only happens occasionally, and it is possible to return some tools if the membership does not approve of the additional expenditure. Voting "for" the proposal will approve the additional purchase of tools, over and above what was already approved, by \$500.

'01/ '02 GATC Election Platforms

Kenneth A. Blumenstock/Presidential candidate platform (incumbent)

Previous Experience: President 3 years, Vice-President 6 months, Treasurer 3 years

Dear fellow Auto Tech Center members:

By a miracle, we are getting a sewer line which will bring us into environmental compliance as well as allow for us to install restroom and shower facilities. More improvements will be forthcoming. My thanks to the membership for your cooperation and enthusiasm in the maintaining and improving our club. I have not yet accomplished all that I would like and wish to continue serving. With your help, the Garage will be clean, orderly, better equipped, and more convenient to use for all.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Blumenstock

Larry Phillips /Vice President platform (incumbent)

I've been a member of The Goddard Auto Club for 7 + Years, served in the positions of both the Secretary and Vice President and countless volunteer positions/jobs/hours. As your Vice President I shall continue my efforts to improve the GATC Facilities. We have an excellent facility for working on our automobiles. I will continue to foster full cooperation with the GEWA Committee and GSFC Administration. In addition, I plan to continue to help the membership in any way possible.

Thank You,

Larry Phillips

Joe Schepis/Secretarial platform (incumbent)

Dear fellow Auto Tech Center members:

If you like what you've seen so far, I hope you'll consider giving me your vote again as I place my name on the ballot for GATC Secretary for 2001 – 2002. As you might be aware, I built the GATC web page and message board two years ago and it has become a rich source of discount parts and service suppliers to for our members. There are many things that go on behind the scenes as well. I have streamlined the production of membership cards by implementing an MS Access database of all the membership info. I have supported the President and Vice-president in their goal of assigning permanent membership numbers to our members, going back to the founding days of the organization and incorporating all the prior members into our database. I have supported the President by attending, at his discretion, meetings with GSFC facilities authorities to secure a sewer line for the garage as well as meetings with the GSFC Security Office to work out details of card key access and alarm system issues. If elected, you can count on me to continue to work with the other officers to provide the excellent services we've enjoyed over the last few years. I also plan on continuing the web site with the goal of making it even more useful in terms of automotive links and discount parts sources (don't forget – your thoughts, ideas and sources are needed!) as well as to complete the issuance of photo membership cards.

Regards,

Joe Schepis

Joe Generie /Treasurer (incumbent)

Fellow Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in the last election. It is my hope that I can ask, once again, for your vote so that I can be of service to this organization in a leadership role. This year holds many changes for the GATC, changes that will involve physical improvements, e.g. a sewage line and an oil/water separator, to our building as well as material improvements, e.g. more tools, for the our members. In order to achieve these goals, a sound fiscal policy has been in place for the past two years in order to assure that our long-term needs, the aforementioned, would be met. We can now be confident that we have the monetary resources to meet those needs of projects in the upcoming year. With your vote, I hope to assure that we keep on meeting those needs, which are vital and important to the club, and its membership. I thank you for your time and your vote.

Regards,

Joseph A. Generie

Frank Shelton /Facilities chairman (incumbent)

Previous Experience: Facilities Chairman (June '97 – July '01, Nov '90 – June '91, June '72 – '83)

Total Number of Terms in Current Position: 16+

Campaign Platform: If reelected, I promise to...

1. Continue to improve our Garage (appearance, accessibility & operability) for everyone!
2. Do Good and avoid evil!
3. Get more members to volunteer!

GODDARD AUTO TECH CENTER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

PLEASE READ THIS!

If no information has changed, you need only fill -in your name on the top half of this form and the amounts due on the bottom half. If you did not also receive a copy of the newsletter via e-mail, please include your e-mail address on this form when you renew as well. Also, fill in the name of the contractor you work for if you did not note it in your original application. With check, send to: Goddard Auto Tech Center, Code 030.4, Greenbelt, MD 20771

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

Fax _____

Mail Code _____

SELECT ONE:

- ☐ Civil Servant ☐ Contractor or
☐ Retired/Resigned

BEST WAY TO SEND CLUB INFO:

- ☐ E-mail address (preferred)
☐ Mail Code or ☐ Home address

If member is a contractor, provide **Contractor** name _____

E-mail _____

The annual membership fee is \$25 plus the user fee of \$20 for those not on the volunteer list. A late fee of \$15 must be added for renewals Sept 1st and after. Parking fees must be current for a new membership card to be issued. Make checks payable to "GATC." If you haven't had your photo taken for your membership badge, contact the GATC secretary to make arrangements. You may wish to drop off this form and payment at that time.

Membership Fee \$25.00

User Fee _____ (\$20)

Late Fee _____ (\$15 after 9/1)

Parking Fees _____

Other Fees or Credits _____

Check No. _____ TOTAL _____ Membership No. _____

I, the undersigned, have read the Club's constitution, by-laws and operating rules and agree to abide by them. I realize that unsafe conditions can exist at the GATC garage and that it is my own responsibility to recognize such conditions and to protect myself from injury.

Signed

Date